

Janet Gilchrist Stoker

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Janet Gilchrist Stoker was born in Lehi, Utah, July 15, 1889, the daughter of Robert Taylor and Mary Jane Willes Gilchrist. Her mother was born in Lehi in 1853. Her father, a pioneer and Black Hawk veteran, emigrated from Scotland with his parents in 1864. Janet attended the Sego Lily, New West, and Central Grade Schools.

At the age of eighteen, she was married to Harry S. Stoker, June 24, 1908. To them were born three sons and two daughters: Roger L., Lucile, Elbert G., Beth, and Harold G..

As a young girl, Janet taught a class of boys in the Primary. She taught the Beehive girls in M.I.A. She was a teacher in the Relief Society, and in 1928 she was chosen a Counselor in the Presidency of that organization in which position she served eight years. She and her husband served on the Fourth Ward Missionary Committee for twelve years. For many years, she was an active member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

In 1929, she completed a course in home hygiene and care of the sick, given under the direction of the Utah County Chapter of the Red Cross. She was always willing to help others in times of sickness or troubles.

She lived to beautify her surroundings and her principal hobby was handicraft.